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September 10, 1984

CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Sir or Madam:

WJ: This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552). I write to request copies of documents relating to H.R. 5164, a bill to exempt the CIA from certain types of Freedom of Information Act requests. Specifically, I seek: copies of all letters, memoranda, and other communication concerning the bill from civil liberties organizations, newspaper associations, other Federal agencies, Congressional representatives, and members of the general public; policy papers concerning the bill prepared by employees of or consultants to the Central Intelligence Agency; notes, transcripts, or minutes from meetings at which the bill was discussed among CIA employees, or from meetings at which the bill was discussed by CIA employees and outside representatives (you may exclude open Congressional testimony by CIA employees from this category); and, finally, assessments by employees of the CIA as to the effect of the bill on the Agency if the bill were enacted.

As you know, the amended Freedom of Information Act provides that if portions of a document are exempt from release, the remainder must be segregated and disclosed. Therefore, I expect you to send me all nonexempt portions of the records which I have requested, and I ask that you justify any deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Freedom of Information Act.

I am prepared to pay costs in connection with this request, as provided for in Part 1900 of Title 32 CFR, published in the Federal Register on January 12, 1983. However, both the Freedom of Information Act and your agency's regulations in Part 1900 provide for waiver or reduction of fees if disclosure will benefit the general public. I seek this information as part of a journalistic assignment; I am a full-time reporter, and the requested information, which concerns an issue of great import to the American people, can be expected to reach large numbers of the public. I thus ask you to waive any and all search and duplication fees.

If you deny my request for a waiver of fees, I ask you to notify me if the expected charges will exceed \$35. That way, I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for waiver.

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to receiving your reply within ten business days, as required by law.

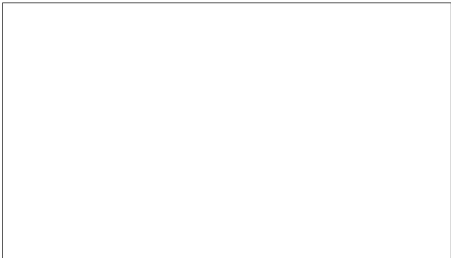
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This is a follow-up to our letter of 18 September 1984 regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of documents relating to H.R. 5164.

I am enclosing three Congressional Hearing Reports on the legislation of interest to you. These reports were prepared by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the House Committee on Government Operations following public hearings on this legislation.

We have accepted your FOIA request and will begin our search for responsive documents in existence as of and through the date of this acceptance letter and will waive fees.

The heavy volume of approximately 3,100 information requests such as yours currently being processed by the Agency has created processing backlogs. Also, we process all requests on a first-in, first-out basis. Since we will not be able to respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the FOIA, it is your right to construe this as a denial, subject to appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, for us to continue processing your request and respond as soon as feasible. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume this is agreeable to you and proceed on this basis.

Sincerely,

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John H. Wright
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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Dear 

Your letter of 10 September 1984 requesting documents under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act has been received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator. Our analysts will review your request, and we will be in touch with you and advise of any problems we have encountered, or whether we can search for documents without any additional information.

Your request has been assigned Reference No. F84-1029 for identification purposes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry R. Strawderman

Larry R. Strawderman
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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